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Present Application:

Applicants: Antonino Conte, Gianbattista Lo Giudice, and Alfredo Signorello

Title: SENSING CIRCUITRY FOR READING AND VERIFYING THE CONTENTS OF ELECTRICALLY PROGRAMMABLE AND ERASABLE NON-VOLATILE MEMORY CELLS, USEFUL IN LOW SUPPLY-VOLTAGE TECHNOLOGIES

Attorney Docket No.: 2110-8-5

Pending Prior Application:

Applicants: Antonino Conte, Gianbattista Lo Giudice, and Alfredo Signorello

Serial No.: 10/171,508

Filing Date: September 30, 1999

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Examiner/Unit: Viet Q. Nguyen / 2818

Attorney Docket No.: 2110-8-3

REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a continuation ____, continuation-in-part ____, or divisional X application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application identified above.

1. X A filing date in accordance with 37 CFR 1.10 is requested. (Express mail certificate appears on this transmittal letter.)
2. X A true copy of the prior application and declaration as originally filed is enclosed. (See Nos. 11 and 12 for drawing requirements.)
3. X The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW,
PLUS CLAIMS ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, IF ANY

	Number Filed		Number Extra		Basic Fee \$750/\$375
Total Claims	13	- 20 =	0	X \$18/\$9 =	\$-0-
Independent Claims	2	- 3 =	0	X \$84/\$42 =	\$-0-
Multiple Dependent Claims	---	---	\$260/\$130=		0
Total Filing Fee					<u>\$750.00</u>

4. ____ Applicants claim small entity status.
5. X Check No. 20974 for the filing fee of \$750.00 is enclosed.
6. X Please charge any additional filing fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 07-1897.
7. ____ Enter the amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 but unentered in the prior application.
8. ____ A preliminary amendment canceling claims ____ and adding new claims ____ is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application and have been included in the calculation of the filing fee set forth above.)

9. X Cancel in this application original Claims 14-28 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
10. X Amend the specification by inserting after the title the following sentence:
--This is a ____ continuation, ____ continuation-in-part, X divisional of the prior application Serial No. 10/171,508, filed June 12, 2002, the benefit of the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 USC 120.--
11. ____ Transfer the drawings from prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.
- 12a. X Formal drawings (5 sheets) identical to those originally filed in the prior application are enclosed.
- 12b. ____ Informal drawings (____ sheets) identical to those originally filed in the prior application are enclosed.
13. X Priority of U.S. application Serial No. 10/171,508, filed on June 12, 2002, is claimed under 35 USC 120.
14. ____ Priority of application Serial No. _____ filed on _____, 19____, in ____ (country) ____ is claimed under 35 USC 119.
15. X The prior application is assigned to STMicroelectronics S.r.l., Reel 013187, Frame 0906.
16. X The original power of attorney in prior application is to all attorneys associated with Customer No. 00996. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application (copy enclosed).
17. ____ A second power of attorney in prior application is to: _____ The second power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
18. ____ An associate power of attorney is enclosed.
19. X Also enclosed: Information Disclosure Statement.

Please address all future correspondence to the undersigned at the below address.

Respectfully submitted,

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